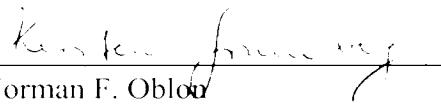


Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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